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AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

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TAGS SOPN, XM, AR

SUBJECT VISIT OF HISPANIC BUSINESS LEADERS

REF: (A) MONTEVIDEO 5517 (B) BA 8233

1. THE PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT EJECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE HISPANIC BUSINESS LEADERS MISSION IN MONTEVIDEO APPEARED IN LA NACION TODAY (NOVEMBER 30) UNDER THE HEADLINE "MARXIST INFILTRATION IN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL". RAYMOND MOLINA WAS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME IN THE AP STORY DATELINED MONTEVIDEO. EMBASSY LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT RAYMOND MOLINA IS BACK IN BUENOS AIRES AND THAT HE WAS SEEN CALLING ON ADMIRAL MASSERA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAS NOT CONTACTED THE EMBASSY SINCE HIS RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES.

2. THE NINE HISPANIC BUSINESS LEADERS BEGAN THEIR FIVE DAY STAY IN BUENOS AIRES WITH A COUNTRY CLUB LUNCHEON AND DELTA BOAT RIDE AS GUESTS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NORTH AMERICAN DESK. THEIR PROGRAM INCLUDED A MEETING AND LATER COCKTAILS WITH AMBASSADOR CASTRO AT THE RESIDENCE; BRIEFINGS WITH THE EMBASSY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SECTIONS; AND CALLS ON THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME

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COURT. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARRANGED ADDITIONAL PRIVATE MEETINGS ON THEIR OWN. THE GROUP DEMONSTRATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS, THE EFFECT OF US POLICY ON TRADE AND OTHER BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND THE STATUS OF THE AID PROGRAM AND OF WOMEN IN ARGENTINA. MR FERNANDEZ DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SETTING UP A PROGRAM OF LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSMEN. THE GROUP APPARENTLY DID NOT MAKE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS WHILE IN ARGENTINA.

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